GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
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YATRI NIWAS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to set up more Yatri Niwas to meet the growing demand of rail users in the country ;

(b) if so, the details of Yatri Niwas proposed to be set up during Tenth Plan alongwith the locations identified for the purpose, zone-wise ; and

(c) the specific steps proposed to be taken to meet the growing demand of rail users for affordable boarding and lodging facilities in the State capitals as well as in the major cities?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a)& (b): Yes, Sir. Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) in the first phase has proposed to set up Yatri Niwas / Budget Hotels at Chandigarh (Northern Railway), Habibganj (Bhopal) (West Central Railway), Secunderabad (South Central Railway), Bangalore (South Western Railway), Madurai (Southern Railway) and Sealdah (Eastern Railway) with public private participation.

(c)IRCTC will undertake construction of Yatri Niwas / Budget Hotels with public private participation at several locations. However, Indian Railways is already providing lodging through Retiring rooms, Air conditioned (AC) and Non-AC dormitories and Catering Services through vegetarian and non-vegetarian refreshment rooms, multi cuisine Food Plazas, stalls and trolleys etc. at all important State Capitals / major Stations at affordable tariff to meet the growing demand. Occupancy of existing retiring rooms at the State Capitals and major cities is regularly reviewed and accordingly efforts are made for provision of additional rooms/beds.